

Security Message for U.S. Citizens

6.0 Earthquake in Central Sabah, Malaysia

June 5, 2015

The U.S. Geological Survey has confirmed that the Malaysian state of Sabah was impacted by an earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale at 7:17am on June 5, 2015. The epicenter of the earthquake was approximately 19 kilometers from the town of Ranau and news outlets report that aftershocks have been felt 54 kilometers from the epicenter in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

The U.S. Embassy encourages all U.S. citizens to exercise caution if traveling in the affected area or planning to do. If you or any other U.S. citizen require assistance, please contact the U.S. Embassy at 03 2168 5000.

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It is always advisable to keep your security and situational awareness levels high. Please follow these good personal security practices:

Avoid crowds or large gatherings when traveling in public;

Know where you are going and have a plan of what to do in the event you encounter demonstrations or violence;

Identify safe areas (for example police stations, hospitals, government buildings) in your area and how to get to them quickly;

Tell co-workers or neighbors where you're going and when you intend to return;

Minimize your profile while in public;

Always carry a cell phone and make sure you have emergency numbers pre-programmed into your phone such as the Embassy's emergency number: 03 2168 5000. Emergency numbers to keep handy are; Police (999), Fire (994), and for mobile phones dialers (112);

Be prepared to postpone or cancel activities for personal safety concerns;

Report concerns you may have to the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Malaysia enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the [U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#), where the current [Worldwide Caution](#), [Travel Warnings](#), [Travel Alerts](#), and [Country Specific Information](#) can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review the "[Traveler's Checklist](#)," which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad, and enroll with the Department of State or the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or outside the United States and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur is located at 376 Jalan Tun Razak 50400, Kuala Lumpur and is open 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. If you are a U.S. citizen and have any questions or concerns, please call the U.S. Embassy at (03) 2168-5000 or visit the U.S. Citizens Service website at <http://malaysia.usembassy.gov/>. We will post the most updated information on the website.